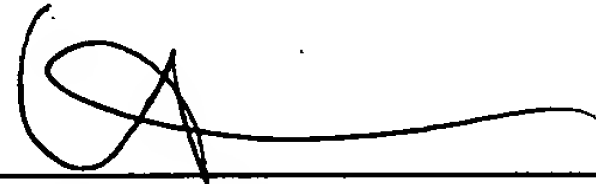


REMARKS

Applicants submit that this Preliminary Amendment addresses the remaining issues on the record, wherein the amendments made are to expedite prosecution and further business objectives.

In the event the Examiner has any questions or concerns regarding the present patent application, he is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at his earliest convenience.

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